



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Mitsuru EMI, et al.

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FOR: GENE RELATING TO ESTIMATION OF POSTOPERATIVE PROGNOSIS FOR  
BREAST CANCER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed April 4, 2007, and prior to  
examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this response.